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Applicant: Ichihara et al.
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 For: INFORMATION RECORDING AND
 REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND
 METHOD AND SIGNAL DECODING
 CIRCUIT HAVING IMPROVED NOISE
 PROCESSING CHARACTERISTICS (as
 amended)
 Art Unit: 2651
 Examiner: Faber, Alan

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$ 55.00
 () By other than a small entity \$ 110.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$ 215.00
 (X) By other than a small entity \$ 430.00

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Extension fee for response within fifth month:

() By a small entity (\$1.9(f))..... \$1,040.00
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(X) A check in the amount of \$430.00 is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A

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